

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A ~~data receiving and recording method~~ for controlling data recording of a recording apparatus coupled to a receiver, comprising:

receiving data in the receiver coded by a predetermined method and copyright information on digital copy restrictions attached to the data; and

acquiring an equipment ID of the recording apparatus by the receiver, the equipment ID indicating whether the recording apparatus permits recording in a format which allows digital copy restriction processing; and

based on the equipment ID, outputting the received data to the recording apparatus if digital copy restriction processing is permitted, and

while recording the received data on a predetermined recording medium associated with the recording apparatus, causing the copyright information to be recorded in a predetermined area of the recording medium, wherein digital copy restriction processing is able to be conducted between the recording apparatus and another recording apparatus based on the copyright information~~for accounting purposes.~~

2. (currently amended) The ~~data receiving and recording method~~ according to claim 1, wherein:

the data consists of audio data of the song, lyrics data of the song and image data related to the song;

the copyright information is allotted respectively to the audio data, lyrics data and image data; and

the audio, lyrics and image data are recorded on the recording medium and the copyright information allocated to the audio, lyrics and image data is recorded ~~on an IC card.~~

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A data receiver comprising:

a receiver for receiving data in which copyright information on digital copy restrictions of the data is multiplexed-and;

a controller for (i) determining whether the copyright information is received by the receiver and (ii) acquiring an equipment ID of a recording apparatus in communication with the data receiver, the equipment ID indicating whether the recording apparatus permits recording in a format which allows digital copy restriction processing; and

a transmitter for transmitting the data received by the receiver to a predetermined recording medium associated with the recording apparatus if the equipment ID acquired by the controller indicates that digital copy restriction processing is permitted,—, and

while recording the received data on the predetermined recording medium, the copyright information is recorded in a predetermined area of the recording medium, wherein digital copy restriction processing is able to conducted between the recording apparatus and another recording apparatus based on the copyright information

~~wherein the controller records the copyright information on an IC card.~~

5. (original) The data receiver according to claim 4, wherein

the data to be received by the receiver includes audio data of a song, lyrics data of the song and image data related to the song;

the copyright information is respectively allotted to the audio data, lyrics data and image data;

the controller determines whether the audio data, lyric data and image data are received; and

the transmitter transmits the copyright information allotted audio data, lyrics data and image data as information attached respectively to the audio data, lyrics data and image data.

6. (currently amended) The data receiver according to claim 4, wherein the controller prohibits transmission from the transmitter to the recording apparatus if the controller determines from the equipment ID that the recording apparatus ~~connected to the transmitter~~ is of a type that does not permit digital copy restriction processing.

7. (currently amended) A data receiver comprising:

means for receiving data in which copyright information on digital copy restrictions is multiplexed ~~and is~~;

means for determining whether the copyright information is received by the receiver; and

means for acquiring an equipment ID of a recording apparatus in communication with the data receiver, the equipment ID indicating whether the recording apparatus permits recording in a format which allows digital copy restriction processing; and

means for transmitting the data received by the receiver to a predetermined recording medium associated with the recording apparatus if the equipment ID acquired by the controller indicates that digital copy restriction processing is permitted, and

while recording the received data on the predetermined recording medium, causing the copyright information to be recorded in a predetermined area of the recording medium, wherein digital copy restriction processing is able to conducted

between the recording apparatus and another recording apparatus
based on the copyright information

~~wherein the controller records the copyright information on an~~
~~IC card.~~

8. (original) The data receiver according to claim 7,
wherein

the data to be received includes audio data of a song,
lyrics data of the song and image data related to the song;

the copyright information is respectively allotted to the
audio data, lyrics data and image data;

the means for determining determines whether the audio
data, lyric data and image data are received; and

the means for transmitting transmits the copyright
information allotted audio data, lyrics data and image data as
information attached respectively to the audio data, lyrics data
and image data.

9. (currently amended) The data receiver according to claim 7,
wherein the means for determining prohibits transmission from
the transmitter to the recording apparatus upon determining that
the equipment ID of the recording apparatus ~~connected to the~~
~~transmitter~~ is of a type that does not permit digital copy
restriction prohibition processing.

10. (new) A data receiver comprising:

a receiver for receiving data coded by a predetermined
method and copyright information on digital copy restrictions
attached to the data, wherein the data consists of audio data of
the song, lyrics data of the song and image data related to the
song, and the copyright information is allotted respectively to
the audio data, lyrics data and image data;

a controller for (i) determining whether the copyright information is received by the receiver and (ii) acquiring an equipment ID of a recording apparatus in communication with the data receiver indicating whether the recording apparatus permits recording in a format which allows digital copy restriction processing; and

a transmitter for transmitting the data received by the receiver to the recording apparatus if the equipment ID acquired by the controller indicates that digital copy restriction processing is permitted by the recording apparatus, and

while recording the received data on the predetermined recording medium, the copyright information is recorded in a predetermined area of a recording medium associated with the recording apparatus, wherein digital copy restriction processing is able to be conducted between the recording apparatus and another recording apparatus based on the copyright information.